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Tanisha Davis Found Guilty of Manslaughter

Rochester, NY- Today, a Monroe County jury found Tanisha Davis, 26, guilty of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the November 11, 2012 stabbing death of boyfriend Montreall Wright inside the couple's Sawyer Street home. On that date, Davis stabbed Wright in the neck during a domestic dispute, resulting in his death. Davis was charged with Wright's murder and has been held in Monroe County Jail since the night of the incident.

During the five day trial, the defense attempted to portray the defendant as a victim of domestic violence who acted in self-defense. Evidence at the scene, coupled with Davis' inconsistent statements to investigators, however, revealed beyond a reasonable doubt that Davis, who had a history of violent behavior toward Wright, did not consider her life in imminent danger when she stabbed him in the neck.

Assistant District Attorney William Gargan prosecuted the case for the People.

"Though Tanisha Davis claims to have acted in self-defense, her actions the night of Montreall Wright's death make it clear that she had every intention of seriously wounding him or taking his life," said Gargan. "While no courtroom proceeding will bring Mr. Wright back to his family, I sincerely hope that today's verdict gives his family a sense of closure. "

Tanisha Davis, who is sentenced on September 4th, faces 5 to 25 years in state prison.

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